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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : JONATHAN ZMUDA, et al.
For : ORAL FLUID ASSAY FOR HEPATITUS
C VIRUS (HCV) ANTIBODIES USING
NON-ANTIBODY LABELING OF IgA
MOLECULES RECOGNIZING HCV
PEPTIDE EPITOPES
Serial No. : 09/938,131
Filed : August 23, 2001
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner of Patents
BOX RESPONSE
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action issued on November 5, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

Prior to reconsideration of the application, please amend the application as follows:



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111* in the above-identified application. The fees have been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	15	Minus	15	-0-	\$9 (small)	00.00
Indep. Claims	3	Minus	3	-0-	\$42 (small)	00.00

- ☒ No additional claim fees are required.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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